

Questions & Answers

- Q:** If awarded, how long do I have to find a job in a medically underserved area (MUA)?
- a:** Awardees must begin their Service Obligation within six months of completing their health professions program.
- Q:** Does the Foundation assist with job placement in a MUA or facility?
- a:** The Foundation is unable to assist with job placement. However, the Foundation will provide upon request a partial listing of facilities that are in MUA's.
- Q:** How soon after the postmark deadline will the Foundation notify me?
- a:** Applicants will be notified in writing within eight weeks of the postmark deadline.
- Q:** May I be awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship more than once?
- a:** No. Unlike other Foundation programs, applicants may be awarded the YAPP-LRP scholarship only once.
- Q:** If I am a current awardee of another Foundation scholarship or loan repayment program, may I apply for the YAPP-LRP scholarship?
- a:** No. Current Foundation awardees are not eligible to apply for the YAPP-LRP scholarship.
- Q:** What if I accept employment that is not in a California MUA?
- a:** Awardees who are unsuccessful in completing the two-year Service Obligation in a medically underserved area or facility will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: What if I become unable to complete my health professions education?

a: Awardees who are unsuccessful in completing the health professions education will be required to repay all scholarship funds received, plus interest and administrative fees.

Q: May I request an extension if I cannot obtain all required documents by the postmark deadline?

a: No. Extensions will not be granted. Applicants who are unable to submit an application and supporting documentation by the postmark deadline may apply during the next filing period.

Q: If I am unsuccessful in getting the award this year, will my application automatically be held over to the next filing period?

a: No. Applicants who are unsuccessful in getting an award during the current filing period must file a new, complete application by the next filing period.

Q: May I apply now if I am not yet 18 and not a high school graduate or I do not have high school equivalency/GED, but I have the required work or community service experience?

a: Yes. Applicants under age 18 who have not graduated high school or do not have high school equivalency or a GED may apply. However, if awarded, these applicants must graduate high school or possess high school equivalency/GED before scholarships funds are paid.

Q: May I apply now if I do not know what health professional program I am going to study or what school I am going to attend?

a: Yes, however, before scholarship funds may be paid, all YAPP-LRP scholarship awardees must provide verification of enrollment in a health professions education program in California.

Q: If I am awarded this scholarship, will this reduce my other financial aid awards?

a: Applicants should consult with their financial aid or scholarship office to determine how or whether receiving this scholarship funds will effect any other financial aid awards.

Q: What if I am under 18, but I am an emancipated minor?

a: Emancipated minors (under age 18) must provide a copy of the emancipation documentation from the court, along with the application.

Q: May I apply for the YAPP-LRP if I am a ward of a court/ under court supervision, or in foster care?

a: Yes, however, these applicants must obtain the legal guardian's signature on the application. For all applicants who are under age 18 at the time of award, the legal guardian will be required to sign all contractual documents on behalf of the applicant, and to accompany the applicant to the awards ceremony.

Q: May I call the Foundation to ask questions before I file my application or to inquire on the status of my application after I have submitted it?

a: Yes. Applicants are encouraged to call the Foundation prior to submitting an application to ensure that all eligibility and application requirements are met. Applicants may phone the Foundation at (800) 773-1669 to inquire on the status of the application— whether it was received and was complete.

Q: If awarded this scholarship, will I be required to report the funds on my state and federal taxes?

a: Applicants should consult with their tax advisor to determine whether this scholarship must be reported to the state Franchise Tax Board and to the Internal Revenue Service.